

Sedgwick County Quad Cities Joint Area Plan
Joint Plan Steering Committee & Technical Advisory Committee Meeting
Haysville Administrative Building
3:00-4:30 p.m., May 30, 2012

Attendance - Plan Steering Committee:

Tim Aziere, Lyle Blue, Megan Buckmaster, Kent Hixson, Ron Holt, Carol Neugent, Tim Norton, Jay Patterson, Kathy Sexton, Jim Skelton, Keith Volz, Bob Wethington, Randy White

Attendance - Technical Advisory Committee:

Dave Barber, Scott Bowen, Jon Bristor, Georgie Carter, Bill Christian, Clem Dickerson, Randal Dorner, Ray Fleming, Paul Gunzelman, Mike Moriarty, Jeana Morgan, John Schlegel, Scott Wadle

Discussion Highlights & Points of Agreement:

1. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Dave Barber.

2. Review Planning Commission Feedback on April 5th Working Draft Plan

Dave Barber summarized the feedback received from the April-May planning commission presentations on the April 5th working draft Quad Cities plan. The Derby, Haysville, and Mulvane planning commissions provided few comments overall but expressed general support for the plan. Little reaction to the plan was received from the MAPC. A question was raised at both the Derby and MAPC presentations as to whether the costs of constructing the Arkansas River bike trail system were justifiable given uncertainties regarding future usage levels of the trail system.

Barber also reviewed a letter submitted by MAPC member M.S. Mitchell in which he argues against the adoption of the Quad Cities plan, claiming that it provides the cities of Derby, Haysville and Mulvane excessive and inappropriate control over future growth and development in the plan area. Following some discussion by PSC members on this matter, there was general agreement that these claims are miss-informed and/or inaccurate.

3. Review May 15th Open House Public Feedback

Barber reviewed handouts containing the public feedback received at the May 15th open house on the working draft plan (Post-it note comments and written comments). A total of 1,525 post cards were mailed out to every property owner within the plan area inviting them to attend the May 15th open house. Sign-in attendance was 117 with a total attendance estimate of over 130 people.

There was a wide range of responses both for and against the proposed draft policies. Overall, the general mood of the comments was of a negative or non-supportive nature. Several comments indicated a preference to leave the plan area unchanged. A concern was also expressed about the proposed expansion of Mulvane's ZAOI. The aggregate of responses received for each plan policy area is summarized as follows:

Recreation Policies/Strategic Initiatives: 31% supportive; 69% non-supportive

Stormwater Flooding/Drainage and High Groundwater: 80% supportive; 20% non-supportive

Transportation: 65% supportive; 35% non-supportive

Future Growth and Development: 44% supportive; 56% non-supportive

Barber also distributed copies of three emails received earlier in the day from people concerned about the possibility of Mulvane expanding its influence and control within the plan area.

Mike Moriarty then provided the PSC/TAC members with some recommended wording changes to proposed transportation policies TR1 and TR2 to make them more effective. There was general agreement to incorporate these changes in the working draft plan.

4. Review Work Schedule/Project Timetable

Following some discussion, the PSC decided to hold off further work on the finalization of the Quad Cities Joint Area Plan until after the completion of the draft Casino Area Transportation Study (KDOT) in December 2012. The recommendations of that study will influence the final recommendations contained in the Quad Cities Joint Area Plan. Accordingly, it was agreed to hold the next joint PSC/TAC meeting on January 16, 2013 at the Mulvane Administrative Building.

Tim Norton indicated that it will be important to provide public hearing opportunities during the plan finalization process to allow the public a formal opportunity to submit comments 'for the record'. Norton also indicated that the proposed recreation and transportation improvements adjacent to the Arkansas River corridor need to be further evaluated utilizing discussions/inputs from potentially impacted property owners, Kansas Department of Parks and Wildlife experts, and US Army Corps of Engineer experts.

Norton also indicated that stormwater flooding and high groundwater issues are top priority issues for the plan area. He and Jim Skelton are currently looking to secure additional funding sources to address current stormwater/groundwater issues and future transportation improvements (especially Broadway/US 81 and Hillside) within the plan area. Advocacy support from the cities of Derby, Haysville and Mulvane would assist in furthering these efforts.

5. Mulvane Comprehensive Plan Amendment Update

Ray Fleming reported that a plan steering committee meeting was held on May 22nd. A community-wide survey will be distributed in the next couple of months, and a public meeting will be held in the early fall.

6. US81/K-53 Casino Area Transportation Study Update

Mike Moriarty reported on the recent project advisory committee meeting held on May 22nd in Mulvane. The study is still in the data gathering phases.

7. Next Joint PAC/TAC Meeting

January 16, 2013, 3:00-4:30 p.m., Mulvane Administrative Building

8. Other Business

None

9. Meeting Adjourned 4:08 p.m.